

SECRET - CONTROL

18 December 1944

TO : SAINT, Caserta

FROM : SAINT, Bari 846-007

SUBJECT : Personnel and Security in Bucharest

1. The X-2 Branch in Bucharest is indeed well-staffed. As you will note from the attached roster, sixteen (!) persons are employed by the office there, ten of whom are natives. Unfortunately none of the native employees in the organization had been vetted. Therefore our first move in Bucharest was the preparation of personal history forms - samples attached - and arrangements made through the Security Office, with the approval of the Commanding Officer and the Chief of X-2, to have the native employees fill out these forms and return them to this base together with a passport-sized photograph. The forms filled out by X-2 personnel were brought back by 85 007 on his return, and those of the other branches are gradually coming in. Tracers are being sent to both Washington and London on all these individuals.
2. This and a good many other rather embarrassing security problems consumed most of our time in Bucharest.

Illustrations: a) One of the native female employees of X-2 made seven instead of six copies of all reports because, as she said, she took one copy home with her "to study for possible corrections" (!)

b) The safe containing intelligence and administrative files was kept open in the room where the native employees worked. Subsequently this safe was removed on our recommendation and strict instructions given to the office manager to keep it locked day and night.

c) Some of the enlisted men (note roster) were assigned to X-2 (!) without previous indoctrination, and X-2 secret symbols are known to these as well as to some of the native employees, etc..

3. Recommendations:

a) Considering the fact that the field offices are not equipped to process intelligence documents, thus they are to forward such material to the base or direct to Headquarters together with the necessary explanatory notes and comments, X-2 Bucharest is obviously over-staffed. (Neither Caserta nor Bari had any idea of the personnel situation there.) In our opinion four persons would constitute an adequate staff for that station.

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b) As soon as practicable all X-2 Bucharest personnel should be recalled, some to work at the base and others to be assigned to non-Russian controlled theatres.

c) New X-2 Bucharest personnel to operate under cover of the Allied Control Commission

d) In view of possible compromise, the revision of all X-2 symbols is recommended.

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AMERICAN MILITARY UNIT

IN BUCHAREST

16 November 1944

P E R S O N N E L

R O S T E R

OFFICERS

Lt. Comdr. USNR	Frank G. Wisner	105905	Chief of Unit
Major A.C.	Robert Bishop	0918130	Chief of X-2
Captain USMCR	William L. Cary	014750	Executive Officer
Captain Inf.	Wallace Fair	0414500	Ass't Executive Officer
Captain QMC	Louis E. Madison	01591274	Reports Officer
Captain MC	Richard F. Kuhn	0475620	Med. & Intell. Officer
1st Lt. Inf.	George H. Beckbinder	01303652	Finance O and Russian liaison.
1st Lt. Sig. C.	Russell F. Dubes	01647857	Communications Officer
Lt. (Jg) USNR	Henry L. Roberts	271858	Chief Intelligence O
2nd Lt. F.A.	Nicu Hagigogu	0174823	Misc. Ass't and Intelligence Officer
2nd Lt. A.U.S.	Serban Vallimarescu	0174119	Intelligence Officer

ENLISTED MEN

M/Sgt	George Demish	13141985	Motor Pool
M/Sgt.	S.S. Buta	35014984	Recept., Translator ass't.
Y/1c	Shelby Thames	6243544	Chief Assistant X-2
T/Sgt.	John Trutza	35524479	Misc. Assistant
T/Sgt.	Charles Yaciw	15102393	Communications
T/3	S. Daniluck	33289658	Sec'y to Chief of Unit
T/3	Robert Kolb	16108262	Communications
Sgt.	Michael Lamovary	32619542	X-2
Sgt.	Aaron Young	13176074	Steno. for Intell. O
T/4	George Barr	31306090	Communications
T/4	Perry G. Dodd	39323441	Reports Office
T/4	Louis Paschler	16124362	Communications
T/5	Peter N. Nemeth	33139646	X-2
Pfc	John Papa	17130578	X-2

CIVILIANS

Miss	Helen Rogers	American	Steno. for Intell. O
Mrs.	Constantinescu		Telephone Operator
Mrs.	Delescu		Receptionists
Mrs.	Gheorghiu		Sec'y to Exec. Officer
Mrs.	Placa		Sec'y to Chief of Unit
Mrs.	Racetta		Sec'y to MAAF Officers
Miss	Marcella Bailey	American	X-2
Miss	Sylvia Press	American	X-2
Mrs.	Hedas		X-2
Miss	Victoria Heilpera		X-2
Miss	Rene Czaczkes		X-2
Miss	Mys-Lys Locar		X-2
Mr.	Serge Aronovici		X-2
Mr.	Irving Henry Hahn		X-2
Mr.	Shelly Steurman		X-2
Mr.	Abram Scerb		X-2
Mr.	Cesar Pavelescu		X-2

OTHERS

Mr.	Dinu Alimanesteanu		Liaison with Rum. Naval Staff.
Sgt.	Manicotidi	Rumanian	Liaison with Rum. Gen. Staff
Mr.	Mateescu		Press Adv. and C.O. Special-lia.
Lt.	Teddy Negrepentes	Rumanian	Liaison for X-2
Lt.	Valjan	Rumanian	Liaison and Asst. for AACC.
Mr. and Mrs.	Bragadiru		Host and Hostess, 5 Alca Modrogan.

MAAF LIAISON DETACHMENT PERSONNEL

Colonel	John F. Batjer	020627
Lt. Col.	John W. Richardson	0290829
Major MC	Jacques H. Mitrami	0491103
Captain	John J. Mulvehill	0437132
1st Lt.	Konkordy V. Abakumoff	1107303
WOJG	Francis D. Constantine	W2107650
M/Sgt.	Nicholas Holewaychuk	39606129
M/Sgt.	James C. Winchell	18084758
S/Sgt.	James F. Thorpe	31151597
Sgt.	Donald D. Lee	32856760
Sgt.	Alfred J. Beaudry	11083973
Sgt.	Frank V. Petrucci	3303866
Sgt.	Samuel F. Scaglione	32566712
Pfc	Harry G. Werner	36557201
Pfc.	Edwin J. Nelson	37558616

8616th Investigating Detachment (Ovhd)

Captain AC	Lawrence G. Leisersehn	0575330
S/Sgt.	John K. Danka	13128918
S/Sgt.	Arthur N. Jaffe	32349162
Pvt.	George E. Alvan	12110870

Graves Registration Services

1st Lt. QMC	Charles E. Koranda	01584476
S/Sgt.	Sam S. Zurier	11064927

1. NAME BISHOP ROBERT (NONE)		2. GRADE 0918130		3. ARN OR SERVICE AAC		4. COMPONENT AUS		5. HEIGHT 5		6. WEIGHT 185		7. DATE OF BIRTH 11-19-08	
8. YEARS MONTHS 1		9. ARM OR SERVICE ARMY		10. COMBAT OR ADMIN DUTY COMBAT		11. LIMITED SERVICE NO		12. OVER-AGE IN GRADE NO		13. RETIRED NO		14. YEARS MONTHS 20	
15. YEARS MONTHS 1		16. CORPS AREA ARMY		17. TYPE DUTY COMBAT		18. SERVICE OR RESIDENCE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U.S. NO		19. LOCATION ARMY		20. YEARS MONTHS 20		21. AUTHORITY PAR W.D.	
14. GRADE-APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS													
WARRANT OFFICER (JUNIOR GRADE)		CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER		2ND LIEUTENANT		1ST LIEUTENANT		CAPTAIN		MAJOR		LT. COLONEL	
DATE APPOINTED OR PROMOTED						T 10/1/42		AUS 7 July 43		AUS 13 Oct 43			
DATE OF RANK IN GRADE						10/1/42		26 Feb 43 AUS		26 Feb 43 AUS		13 Oct 43	
15. RECORD OF SERVICE (ONLY PRINCIPAL DUTY OF 3 MONTHS OR MORE DURATION)													
TYPE OF DUTY		UNIT ORGANIZATION OR STATION		DATES		INITIALS		TYPE OF DUTY		UNIT ORGANIZATION OR STATION		DATES	
TRAINING		OTS MB FLA		10/5/42 11/14/42									
AUS		Hannenburg		1-15-43 12-12-43									
AUS		A-2		12-14-43 29 March 44		SUP							
AUS		A-2		29 Mar 44 30 June 44		SUP							
AUS		A-2		1 July 44 1 Oct 44		SUP							
Intell. Off.		OSS Wash DC		12-1-44 2-22-45		cy							
Intell. Off.		OSS USAFIME		23 Feb 44 30 June 44		E							
Intell. Off.		OSS USAFIME		1 Jul 44 9 Nov 44		E							
Intell. Off.		2677th Regt OSS		10 Nov 44 31 Dec 44		E							
Intell. Off.		2677th Regt OSS (Prov)		1 Jan 45									
16. SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS													
SCHOOL		COURSE		Successful Completion YES/NO		COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF SCHOOL		ARMY WAR COLLEGE		ARMY INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE		NAVAL WAR COLLEGE	
11 Nov 44		AAPIES		Combat Intelligence		YES		YEAR		YEAR		YEAR	
17. GENERAL SERVICE SCHOOLS													
SPEAK		SPANISH		FRENCH		GERMAN		CHINESE		RUSSIAN		JAPANESE	
WRITE		SPANISH		FRENCH		GERMAN		CHINESE		RUSSIAN		JAPANESE	
TRANSLATE		SPANISH		FRENCH		GERMAN		CHINESE		RUSSIAN		JAPANESE	

U.S. AND ALLIED OFFICER'S QUALIFICATION CARD

TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE CARD WITHOUT FIRST BECOMING FAMILIAR WITH AIR FORCE

NAME 5760 Mass. Ave NW MARIED ☒ DIVORCED ☐ WIDOWER ☐

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